

James R. Walkinshaw

Braddock District Supervisor The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

February is Black History Month, and there are many ways to celebrate here in Fairfax County. I encourage you to learn more about our **Black/African American Experience Project.** This joint initiative by the Board of Supervisors, Public Schools, History Commission, and Neighborhood and Community Services aims to communicate and preserve the Black/African experience throughout the County. Go to page 4 of this newsletter to learn more.

You can also visit <u>Volunteer Fairfax's website</u>. Alongside their interactive list of activities, they provide educational resources and details on Fairfax County's virtual Black History Month Program scheduled for Friday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. Check it out!

Virtual Lake Accotink Dredging Meeting

On Thursday, February 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., <u>I will host a Virtual Lake Accotink</u> <u>Dredging Meeting</u> in concert with Supervisor Rodney Lusk, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA).

The County will take this opportunity to present updates and gather input on the alternative analysis. You can read specific details about this meeting and the comment period to follow on page 10 of this newsletter.

Lake Barton Dredge Update

The contractor completed punch list work and the Lake Barton gate was closed on February 3 so the lake can begin refilling. Site restoration is being wrapped up now and the contractor will return in early spring for limited sections of shoreline planting. I'm excited to see this work completed and look forward to seeing water back in Lake Barton!



Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Congressman Gerry Connolly, Chairman Jeff McKay, former Braddock Supervisor John Cook, and community leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking of the One University Affordable Housing Project on January 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw welcomed the community before the start of the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project meeting hosted by VDOT on January 13.



Supervisor Walkinshaw discussed Fairfax County's newly enacted Plastic Bag Tax during a <u>live tv</u> <u>interview with WUSA9 reporter Katie Kyros</u> on New Year's Day 2022.



Supervisor Walkinshaw spoke to members of Woodhirst HOA on January 27.

Photo By: Washinton Post

In January, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- > Joined Kings Park West Civic Association to help clean up Rabbit Branch Park on January 22.
- Spoke to members of the Helping Hands Stroke Club on January 7.
- ➤ Visited the hypothermia shelter hosted by St. Mary of Sorrows to thank volunteers and talk to those seeking shelter on January 19.

Citizen of the Month

February's Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Colleen Blessing. Colleen is an incredible resident who regularly volunteers around the community. She has served as the pro-bono volunteer editor of this newsletter, The Braddock Beacon, for the past 24 months.

Colleen ensures the Beacon is as sharp as possible by lending her editing-eagle eye. She's known throughout the government editorial field for developing the U.S. Energy Information Administration's award-winning style guide as their former senior editor.

Colleen also recently served as a member of the annual Best of Braddock Awards Ceremony Committee and helped the committee pick award winners from several community nominations.

Her volunteerism helps thousands of local readers across the Braddock District enjoy a high-quality community newsletter. Thanks for your support, Colleen!



Colleen Blessing

Fairfax County Observes Black History Month

Fairfax County Celebrates the Black/African American Experience with New Historical Marker Project, Story Collection, and Project-Based Learning

The <u>Black/African American Experience Project</u> is a collaboration involving the <u>Board of Supervisors</u>, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), History Commission, and Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). The goal is to capture, communicate, and preserve the Black/African American experience throughout Fairfax County's history.



There are three parts of this effort:

- Collecting stories
- Project-based learning
- Historical markers

> Collecting Stories

An effort is underway to increase the visibility of Black/African American experiences in the county by sharing oral and written history. Neighborhood and Community Services is asking current and former county residents to share their stories. These stories will help build a racial history timeline, support project-based learning opportunities at FCPS and enrich future generations as the county charts a more equitable future through **One Fairfax**.

NCS is looking for stories about family, community, church (faith community), cultural, educational, justice, innovation, or housing experiences. Stories are being collected online and in person. Those interested can complete the Black/African American Experiences submission form online or have their oral history recorded at NCS clubhouses - email CollectingStories@fairfaxcounty.gov to set up an appointment.

Project-Based Learning

FCPS will provide resources to support students in researching untold local stories of Black/African Americans and groups who have impacted our community. The Historical Marker Project is available to all FCPS social studies teachers and published online for equitable access to students who are not enrolled in FCPS.

The Historical Marker Project will engage students as historians; they will shine a light on the past by advocating for stories to be shared with the public as new historical markers. Students will also focus on communication and collaboration--Portrait of Graduate skills-by engaging in inquiry to recognize the voices, experiences, and achievements of Black/African Americans from Fairfax County.

> Historical Marker Project

The Historical Marker Project will initially focus on the Black/African American experience in the county. All students from K-12 (public, private, homeschooled, etc.), classrooms and community youth groups can submit topics for new historical markers through March 31, 2022. Historical markers commemorate an event, person or location of historical significance within the county. An online submission form, instructions, and scoring guidelines are available on the county's Historical Marker website.

> History Commission's African American Inventory

Students and others can access a new inventory of Black/African American history completed in 2021. The new inventory will be available on the **History Commission website** and include Black/African American residents' houses of worship, schools, homes, communities, and events to document Black/African American culture and their contributions to the history of the county.

Committee Promotes Health Services for the Black Community

Barbershops are iconic gathering places in many African American communities. That's no different in Fairfax County.

For the past two years, a community/public/private group has been working together to provide safe spaces for county residents to talk about mental, physical, social, and financial wellness through virtual events. One of the successes of this partnership has been the Real Talk Barbershop conversations, in which local businesses have held discussions about mental health and suicide prevention – issues that are often overshadowed and underrepresented in the Black community.



Watch Above

The Black Mental Health Steering Committee has worked to increase knowledge of and access to mental health services for the African American community, including three examples found on **Fairfax County's News center**.

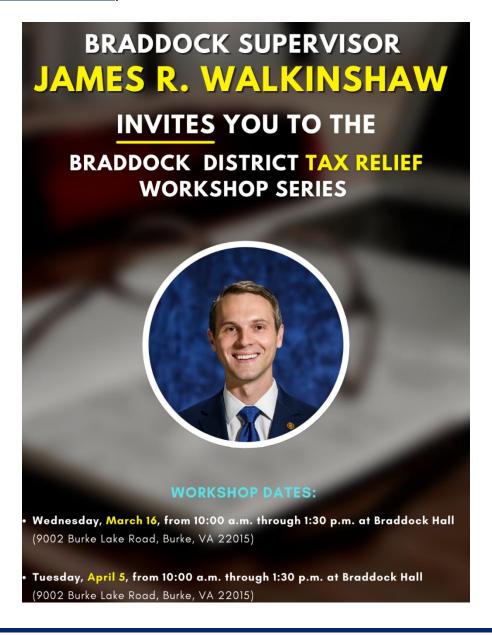
If you are interested in hosting similar conversations at your place of business on promoting positive mental health or have ideas for future conversations, contact the Black Mental Health Steering Committee at CSBPrevention@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Community News

Braddock District Tax Relief Workshops Hosted by Supervisor Walkinshaw

The deadline to renew tax relief applications is May 2, 2022. The deadline for first-time applicants and certain hardship cases is December 31, 2022. In addition, Supervisor Walkinshaw is hosting tax relief workshops at Braddock Hall on March 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and again on April 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, including virtual tax relief workshops, contact the Department of *Tax* Administration at (703) 222-8234, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an email to *taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov*, or *visit DTA's website*.

Important Notice: 2022 Fairfax County Tax Relief Application & Instructions for Seniors and People with Disabilities packets are available now at the Braddock District Office (<u>9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke VA 22015</u>).



Potential Renaming of Districts

Some of Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors districts could be getting new names. The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) is currently considering the names and will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. **Learn more and offer your input**.



Fairfax County is undergoing a process to consider renaming its magisterial districts which are represented by the Board of Supervisors and School Board members. The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) is charged with making recommendations on which districts and voting precincts could be renamed, however the RAC will not propose new names. Should there be any name changes, county residents will have an opportunity to weigh in and make suggestions. Ultimately, the Board of Supervisors will decide if and how to make any name changes after it reviews the committee's recommendations.

CURRENT DISTRICT NAMES

Currently, the nine districts are named:

- Braddock
- Mount Vernon
- Dranesville
- Providence
- Hunter Mill
- Springfield
- Lee
- Sully

Mason

Learn about the history of these names at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/history-policy-resources

NAME EVALUATION CRITERA

The RAC will apply **any of the following seven criteria** to select districts or precincts when considering name changes, reflecting on if the name is:

- 1. In violation of the spirit or explicit meaning of the One Fairfax Policy
- 2. Offensive to the community
- 3. Related to the Confederate past
- 4. Associated with segregation, Jim Crow, racism, discrimination, or slave ownership
- 5. Confusing to residents or not geographically representative of the district
- 6. Historically significant or no longer reflective of life in that part of the county
- 7. Helpful for community members to aspire to the best possible quality of life in the future

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The RAC is asking residents to lend their voices and share input by recommending any districts or voting precincts you believe should be renamed. You are welcome to express agreement or disagreement, or share your concerns, including any community or economic impacts by:

- Emailing redistricting@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Filling out the online form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/provide-input
- Provide your thoughts during the committee's virtual meetings
- Write the Department of Clerk Services at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, VA 22035 or call 703-324-3151, TTY 711.



Learn more or offer input at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting

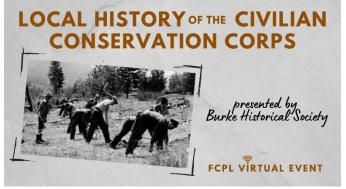


Fairfax County, Va., publication. Feb. 2022.

To request this information in an alternate format, call the Office of Public Affairs, 703-324-7329, TTY 711.

Local History of the Civilian Conservation Corps

Mary Lipsey from the Burke Historical Society will speak on how the Civilian Conservation Corps—President Franklin Roosevelt's "Tree Army"—impacted life in Northern Virginia during the Great Depression, on Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. Register today.



A Zoom invitation will be emailed to registrants one day before the program. Learn more about the event by visiting **Fairfax County Public Library's website**.

Americana Drive Clean-Up on President's Day

The next clean-up event for Americana Drive is scheduled for President's Day, Monday, February 21, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. As usual, the sign-in tent and supplies will be at the corner of Patriot & Americana Drive. VDOT requires that all participants must sign in. Students requiring community service hours will also have to sign out so VDOT can track the hours.

Please sign up to participate.

AMERICANA DRIVE CLEAN UP PRESIDENT'S DAY | February 21st, 2022 10 AM – 1 PM

Gloves | Vests | Trash Bags will be provided

Student Community Service Hours through Friends of Accotink Creek – Sign In & Sign Out <u>Required</u>

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT

www.FCRPP3.ORG

(So we know how many supplies will be needed)

THANK YOU!!!

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK IF YOU HAVE ONE WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY.



Beat the Rush - Start Permit Applications Now for Spring Home Improvement Projects

Permit applications increase every spring for popular projects such as decks, screened porches, and pools.

Many of these projects require homeowners or contractors to submit architectural plans and **plats** as part of the permit application. Higher volumes of applications increase wait times for permit processing. Obtain your permit now and avoid the rush. Our **Land Development Services** department has many resources available online to make your permit process as smooth as possible.

The most popular spring projects requiring permits are:

- Decks
- > Finished Basements
- Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs
- Residential
 Additions, Garages
 and Sunrooms



If your project isn't listed, visit <u>When a Permit is Required</u> for more information. Staff is available to help. Visit the <u>Meet with Staff page</u> for phone numbers, email, or to schedule a virtual appointment.

Orange Out to Raise Awareness of Teen Dating Violence on February 9

Awareness + Action = Social Change calls on communities to be active participants in ending gender-based violence. To accomplish real social transformation, we must incorporate concrete action steps that individuals, families, communities, and institutions can take to promote safe, healthy, and thriving environments for all. Wear orange on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, to help amplify the message.





Everyone deserves to feel safe in their relationships. Send your orange photos to Debra Miller at **debra.miller@fairfaxcounty.gov** for possible inclusion on Fairfax County's Department of Family Services' website or social media.

Environmental News

Virtual Meeting Planned on Lake Accotink Dredging Options

Braddock District Supervisor Walkinshaw and Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk will host a virtual meeting to gather public input and present updates on the alternative analysis to residents regarding the Lake Accotink Dredging Project. This meeting is a follow-up to provide information on the options presented at past community meetings.

Public meetings were held in July and August 2021 to present the findings of the dredging alternatives analysis report prepared by the county's consultant Arcadis. The report details options available for the location of dredge staging and sediment processing, and the placement of temporary pipelines. Arcadis has conducted further analysis of the preferred alternatives, and two additional alternatives were evaluated at industrial parks on Port Royal Road and Southern Drive.



The next step is to encourage the community to review and comment on the new information and selection of options for the dredging operation.

A public meeting (virtual) will take place Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Visit the **Lake Accotink Dredging website** for more information.

The public comment period is from Thursday, February 10 through Friday, March 11, 2022. Comments on the report may be submitted at the public meetings, via email to **F515@Publicinput.com**, or by U.S. mail to Fairfax County DPWES, Lake Accotink Dredging, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, VA 22035.

The <u>Lake Accotink Dredging website</u> has further information about the project, including details about previous meetings, which can be viewed under the Presentations to the Community section.

Running Bamboo Public Hearing on Tues., February 22 at 3:30 p.m.

The Board authorized the advertisement of a public hearing to consider amendments to the Fairfax County Code to require property owners to contain running bamboo on their properties and to establish civil penalties for the failure to do so. The public hearing to consider the adoption of the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, February 22, at 3:30 p.m.



If you would like to provide testimony for this upcoming public hearing, please sign up in advance. Learn more on how to share your thoughts on Fairfax County's website.

Friends of Lake Accotink Park Events

Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP), an official partner of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), has a variety of events and activities every month. FLAP's mission is to protect, restore, preserve, and educate the community concerning the natural, historical, and cultural resources of Lake Accotink Park. FLAP has plenty of ways for you to get involved, including:

> Monthly FLAP Lake Accotink Park Clean-up

Every second Sunday of the month, FLAP hosts a Lake Accotink Park clean-up from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Pick up your gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps, and more at the sign-in table located at the marina. You will also be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. Volunteer four times and received your own safety vest to personalize. **Register today**.

> Caring for the Pollinator Garden

Every second Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m., FLAP hosts a Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden clean-up session in Lake Accotink Park. The garden is adjacent to the marina. Join and work alongside our experts as they care for the pollinator plants, water, the plants, and do general clean-up. FLAP will provide the tools and gloves, or you can bring your own. **Register today**.

Exploring the Pollinator Garden

Every second Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m., FLAP will guide you through the Pollinators and Pollinator Plants and discuss starting and maintaining your own (any size) Pollinator Garden. Register today.

Special Note:

FLAP Board & Committee positions are open. Consider making a difference for a few hours a month! FLAP is now accepting candidates. Send an email to Contact@flapaccotink.org for more information.



Compliance Corner







Exterior Property Maintenance

Do you know about Fairfax County's rules for exterior property maintenance?

The Virginia Maintenance Code requires the exterior of a structure to be maintained in good repair and structurally sound.

The following are examples of some of the conditions that must be maintained:

- Structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting imposed loads.
- Roofs must be water tight and free from defects that admit rain.
- Premises shall be graded and maintained to protect the foundation walls or slab of the structure from accumulating water.
- Exterior walls and foundation walls must be maintained in good condition.
- Exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition and be secured from unauthorized entry.
- Stairways, decks, porches, balconies, handrails and deck railings shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, and with proper anchorage.
- Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.
- Peeling, chipping, or flaking paint and siding shall be eliminated and repainted/replaced.
- Broken or cracked windows shall be repaired or replaced.



Turn Over





Exterior Property Maintenance Continued...

- Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- Depending upon the code or ordinance in effect at the time of construction, a private swimming pool may have to be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches in height above the finished ground level (measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool).





To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:



Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711



Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, Va. publication (October 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

Transportation Updates

Metro Seeks Public Input on FY23 Budget Proposal

The public comment period for <u>Metro's Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23)</u> <u>budget</u> is officially open, and Metro's Board of Directors wants the public's input. Metro is encouraging the public to share feedback before the comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15.

The FY23 budget focuses on providing safe, reliable, and affordable transit service to the region. The budget considers the planned launch of Metrorail service to six new Silver Line stations, expanding Metro access to Dulles Airport and beyond, and the opening of the Potomac Yard Station on the Yellow and Blue lines.



The budget proposals also include a number of service improvements on Metrobus and Metrorail, fare changes to provide better value to riders, and a \$2.3 billion capital budget to continue aggressive construction and rehabilitation projects that are important for safe and reliable service.

A summary of key proposals can be found on WMATA's website, with full information about the proposals and ways to provide feedback available on **WMATA's website**.

Note: Due to the ongoing 7000-series railcar investigation, Metro customers can expect reduced rail service levels in early 2022. Service improvements would go into effect after 7000-series railcars return to service. Updates can be found **here**.

Metro is Hiring

Metro is offering up to a \$2,500 pay incentive as part of a new campaign to hire more bus drivers! Metro is facing a staffing shortage as a result of the pandemic and is looking to hire nearly 70 bus drivers to meet the current bus service schedule. Learn more by <u>visiting Metro's</u> <u>website</u>.



Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Meeting Recap

On January 13, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) presented alternative concepts for three major intersections along the Braddock Road corridor: Rolling Road, Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive, and Burke Lake Road. Anyone who would like to review the meeting recording, can watch the video below. You can also view the **project slideshow**.

For each intersection, VDOT has identified four design options:

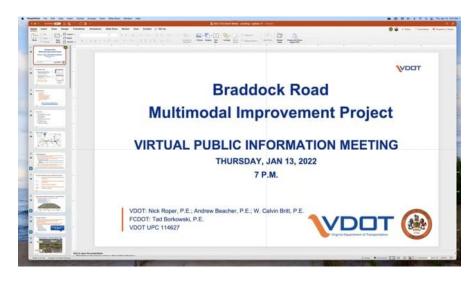
- The "no build" or existing option
- The Base Option, which generally reflects the options identified by the citizen task force in 2018
- A new Option 1
- A new Option 2

Residents and those who travel through the Braddock Road corridor are asked to provide input on the design options via an online survey either in **English**, **Spanish**, or **Vietnamese**. The virtual public information meeting comment deadline period has been extended until Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Given the complexity of the Braddock Road Multimodal improvement project, it's useful for residents to review the full history of the project detailed on the <u>Fairfax County Department</u> <u>of Transportation (FCDOT) website</u>, with particular attention to the plans for these five segments of Braddock Road. With the exception of the Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive intersection, these plans reflect the Base Options presented by VDOT. VDOT's Base Option for that intersection is the R-CUT design outlined in our <u>August 2020 Community Meeting</u>.

- 1. Alternative Plan 1: Guinea Road to Red Fox Drive
- 2. Alternative Plan 2: Red Fox Drive to Southampton Drive
- 3. Alternative Plan 3: Southampton Drive to Queensberry Avenue
- 4. Alternative Plan 4: Queensberry Avenue to Ravensworth Road
- 5. Alternative Plan 5: Ravensworth Road from Braddock Road to Greenfield Road

You can also review plans, survey results, and information from all previous meetings on the FCDOT website as well as in the **Final Braddock Road Multimodal Study Report**.



Watch the meeting recording above

Older Adults

National Village Day

Join <u>Fairfax County Villages</u> in celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the Village Movement and the positive impact Villages are having on the experience of aging. On Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Villages are being recognized on National Village Day. From its beginnings in 2002 to a thriving network today of more than 300 nonprofit community-based Villages across the country, the Village model is now established as a cost-effective, sustainable solution for healthy, vibrant aging — a milestone worthy of celebration!



For more information on the Fairfax County Villages, including how to start one in your neighborhood, contact **Villages@fairfaxcounty.gov** or (703) 246-8962.

AARP Retirement Webinars

Take charge of your financial future. Retirement planning doesn't have to be daunting. Learn tips for determining if you are on track and learn practical strategies to help you achieve retirement peace of mind. It's never too late to take charge of your financial future.

Webinars will be held:

- Saturday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. <u>Register today</u>.
- Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. Register today.



Learn About CareRing

Are you a 60+ resident who would like someone to connect with you? CareRing is a free program with friendly staff who call people to chat, check in on you, and offer reminders. They're available 24 hours a day. You can choose when you'd like to receive their calls.

CareRing partners with local law enforcement and first responders, so if you have an emergency and can't answer the phone, they have a way to check on you.

Learn more about CareRing and their services on CareRing's website.

Subscribe to Disability Rights and Resources' Access Fairfax for more <u>news</u> and events for people with disabilities.



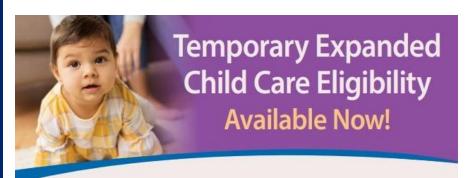
Children's Corner

Fairfax County Public Library Reading Program

Know a young reader in need of some encouragement? Some of Fairfax County Public Library branches offer **Read to the Dog programs** where trained therapy dogs sit quietly and provide a calm, non-judgmental presence for children who may be struggling can practice reading aloud.

The dog doesn't care if the child stumbles over a word or reads slowly — they are always happy to sit, listen, and offer stress relief and fun motivation! Learn more and find an upcoming session near you.





The Child Care Assistance and Referral Program may be able to help with your child care expenses.

Applications received through May 31, 2022 are eligible for the following expanded eligibility criteria:

- Families currently looking for work
- Expanded Income

Maximum Yearly Income up to:

Family Size	Fairfax County and City of Fairfax	Falls Church City	
	350% FPL For families with children up to age 13	85% SWI for families with children under 5	250% FPL For families with children age 5 to age 13
2	\$60,984*	\$62,964	\$43,560
3	\$76,860*	\$77,784	\$54,900
4	592.736	\$92,604	\$66,240

**If family has at least one child under the age of five (kindergarten eligible age), max income for family size of 2 is \$62,964, and for family size of 3 is \$77,784.

- For expanded state eligibility, families with at least one child under the age of five (kindergarten eligible age), are eligible with an income at or below the 85% of the state median.
- For County eligibility, families whose children are up to age 13 (under age 18 if the child has special needs) are eligible with an income at or below 350% FPL.

Families Co-payment fee will be waived for a limited time.

Families must live in Fairfax County, City of Fairfax or City of Falls Church.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

Apply for assistance

Online: www.commonhelp.virginia.gov

Download: Child Care Service Application and Redetermination form at: fairfaxcounty.gov/OFC (Search: CCAR)

Submit application and verification documents

Email: OFCCCARinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov

Fax: 703-324-3917

Mail: Office for Children/CCAR 12011 Government Center Pkwy., 8th Floor Fairfax, VA 22035

For additional information

Visit: fairfaxcounty.gov/OFC (Search: CCAR)

Call: 703-449-8484 or

Email: OFCCCARinfo@FairfaxCounty.gov

Need a different language? Contact us at 703-449-8484. nish: ¿Necesita un idioma diferente? Comuniquese con nosotros al 703-449-8484

Vietnamese: Cuý vị cần một ngôn ngữ khác? Hầy gọi chúng tôi tại số 703-449-8484. Korean: 다른 연어가 필요하십니까? 703-449-8484 로 전화주십시오. Chinese: 您是否需要其它語言服務? 請致電 703-449-8484 聯繫我們。 آیا به زیان دیگری احتیاج دارید؟ با ما با شماره 7034498484. تر مال پگیرید :Firsk کیا به زیان درکار بیج بنین 4484-449 پر کال کرین Urde; پر کال کرین هل تحتاج إلى لغة مختلفة؟ اتصل بنا على الرقم :Arabic: 7034498484

Temporary Expanded Child Care Eligibility

The expanded childcare subsidy eligibility has been extended through May 31, 2022.

Childcare assistance may be available to families that are income eligible and demonstrate a need for care (due to employment, enrollment in school, or participation in training).

This program provides assistance with the cost of childcare for children from birth to age 12 in family childcare homes, centers, and school-age child care.

Families currently looking for work are eligible to apply.

See the Fairfax County Office for Children's flyer below for additional eligibility criteria, and visit their website to apply.

Office for Children



Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay.
Reasonable accommodations made upon request; call 703-324-8000. A Fairfax County, Virginia publication. Printed 12/2021



Public Safety

Join Community Police Academy

Interested in learning more about local law enforcement? The Community Police Academy is designed to give participants a glimpse behind the badge and to provide information about training, policies, and the many units and divisions within the Fairfax County Police Department. Applications are now being accepted. **Apply now**.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- > Live or work in Fairfax County
- Must clear a review of your criminal record and police contact history prior to acceptance
- > Provide your own transportation

For more info or to apply, visit Fairfax County Police Department's website.



Fairfax County Police Department's Annual Valentine's Day Clothing Drive

The Fairfax County Police
Department Fourth Annual
Valentine's Day Sock Drive
is underway, with a new
need for underwear.
Donations of new underwear
and new socks will be
accepted until Monday,
February 7. Click the flyer to
the left for more information
on how you can donate.



Human Services Corner

New Family Caregiver Webinar Series

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging and the Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium are pleased to announce their 2022 Caregiver Webinar Series. The webinar series is designed to support family caregivers of older adults and/or adults with a disability.

The first webinar will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. through 1:00 p.m. Learn more about the webinars by visiting the **Fairfax County website**.

Speakers include experts in law, care management, finances, and community resources. The webinars are easily accessed through your computer or phone.

Please join Fairfax County to get helpful information and resources. All are welcome.

Webinars are usually recorded, so if you are unable to join us live, please register and a recording will be sent to you.

The County would appreciate hearing from you if you have attended any of the seminars in the past and whether the seminars were helpful. Email your comments to **Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov**.





Avoid On-Line Romance Scams with AARP's Free Virtual Event

Learn how to recognize online relationship scams in this 30-minute webinar.

Lots of people meet friends and potential love interests online through dating sites, social media, or mobile apps. It can be a great way to meet people but recognize that not everyone is who they say they are online. These scams aren't just targeted at people who are looking for a relationship on a dating site or app. They can occur through social media and even through email. In this 30-minute webinar, we'll discuss the red flags to be on the lookout for in online relationships. Don't let scammers ruin your Valentine's Day!

The webinar will take place on Thursday, Friday 10, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. through 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Register using this link.



Hope Cards for Protective Orders

Frequently Asked Questions



Keep all the important information from your final protective order on a plastic, wallet-sized card, issued by the court at no charge.

What is a Hope Card? It is a laminated card, similar in size and shape to a credit card, that contains all the essential information about a civil protective order in a durable, easy-to-read format. The card is a convenient way to carry around the important information found on a protective order. It does NOT replace the existing protective order. Law enforcement still must verify the order in the Virginia Criminal Information Network when presented with a Hope Card. The Hope Card has information such as:

- Identifying characteristics of the person being ordered to "stay away"
- Issue/expiration date of the order
- Terms of the order, including possession of residence, etc.
- Other protected parties

Who is eligible to apply for a Hope Card? Hope Cards are available only to holders of a final civil protective order issued in Virginia localities participating in the Hope Card Program. To qualify for a Hope Card, the protective order must be the result of a domestic/family/sexual violence case, or stalking case and be for 12 months or longer. Hope Cards are not issued for emergency protective orders, preliminary protective orders, or "no contact" orders in a criminal case.

<u>How does someone apply?</u> To apply for a *Hope Card*, contact either the court Clerk where your protective order was issued or someone from your local Victim Assistance Program, and ask for an application. They will help you obtain the request form for a *Hope Card*. Once the form has been completed by the applicant and processed by the Clerk, a *Hope Card* will be sent directly to the applicant. For cases in which victim safety is a concern, a Hope Card may be sent elsewhere.

When will the Hope Card arrive? Most Hope Cards are mailed to the applicant within 14 business days of the clerk entering the request into the system.

To find out if your locality participates in the Hope Card Program, contact the court Clerk where your protective order was issued or ask your local Victim Assistance Office. If you are a service provider interested in getting your locality involved, please contact:

Jaime Clemmer, Hope Card Program Coordinator, jclemmer@vacourts.gov

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) - Free Income Tax Preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a national program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to help families maximize their tax returns and avoid the fees businesses charge to prepare taxes. Northern Virginia Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope (CASH) is a coalition of community partners who support the VITA sites in Northern Virginia. For 15 years the Fairfax County Department of Family Services has provided operational support to the coalition partners assisting about 4,000 families to receive a combined average refund total of \$6 million each year.

In-person VITA services are available at six sites in Northern Virginia **by appointment only**. Some services may also be available virtually. Appointments for all NVACASH Tax Preparations sites can be made online, by email, or by phone at (703) 533-5702 (please leave a message).

Fairfax County Office for Children Open Hire Event

Interested in working with school-age children in a fun, energetic, educational setting? Join Fairfax County's School Age Child Care (SACC) team.

SACC is hosting an in-person Open Hire Event to fill positions in SACC locations throughout Fairfax County. The event will be held Saturday, February 26, from 10:00 a.m. through noon at **12011 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 734, Fairfax VA 22035**.

Bring a copy of your resume to the event. Applicants must meet minimum qualifications to be interviewed.

Masks are required to enter the building and must always be worn. Applicants will participate in a health screening questionnaire prior to entry.

The positions to be filled are Teacher 1 (Day Care Center Teacher 1) with the School Age Child Care Program in the Office for Children, Department of Neighborhood, and Community Services. See below for additional details.



Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Joint Meeting of the Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee and Braddock District Council

February 15 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

Board of Supervisors Hearings

- Public Storage February 22 at 3:30 p.m. Board Auditorium
- Sekas Homes March 8 at 4:00 p.m. Board Auditorium

Public Storage Rezoning Application Scheduled for Board of Supervisors Hearing on February 22

In October, the Board of Supervisors approved a Plan Amendment which would allow expanded self-storage use at the northwest corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road. This paved the way for consideration of an application filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property and rezone the corner lot into the I-5 District. On February 2, the Planning Commission recommended approval of Public Storage's application.

Public Storage is proposing to remove the vacant single-family house and all accessory structures on the corner property as well as one single-story self-storage building and construct a climate-controlled five-story, 147,000 square foot self-storage facility on the southeast corner of the site. The new building has been designed to resemble an office building. The exterior



would be red brick with stucco accents and spandrel glass windows, which would be backpainted with a coating that would reduce glare and be visible to birds. Interior storage bay doors and hallways would not be visible from the exterior. The applicant has also proposed removing the end portions of two of the existing buildings to construct a new one-story, 1,200 square foot office and provide additional parking spaces.

Five existing one- to two-story self-storage buildings totaling approximately 97,000 square feet would be retained. The applicant has committed to refresh the garage-style doors that face Waples Mill Road by painting them a red brick color. Decorative art panels would be attached in

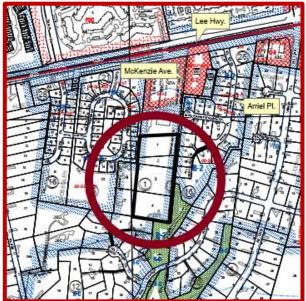
an alternating pattern to the north and east facades of the building to enhance the pedestrian experience along the adjacent sidewalks. The southern-facing facades of the existing single-story buildings visible from Lee Highway would be updated with red brick materials similar to the new facility.

The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which would be open to the public, adjacent to the existing pocket park on the interior portion of the block. It would include a dog park, to be maintained by Public Storage, with seating. Pedestrian trails on the site would be upgraded. The existing service road parallel to Lee Highway, which is currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment, would be removed and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping featuring a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, supplemented by natural landscape features, would be provided around the new building. The stormwater management system for the site would be upgraded and would include an underground storage facility.

A Board of Supervisors hearing on the rezoning application is scheduled for February 22 at 3:30 p.m. Information on how to testify may be found on the **Board of Supervisors website**. The application number is RZ 2020-BR-003.

Application to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties Scheduled for March 8 Board of Supervisors Hearing

Sekas Homes, Ltd. has filed an application to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKenzie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax, from the R-1 District to the R-2 Cluster District to permit the development of 11 new single-family detached dwelling units. The land consists of four properties currently developed with three vacant single-family homes and several outbuildings and primarily covered with upland forest. On February 2, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.



The new development has been named Marshall Hills. The proposed lot sizes would range from approximately 13,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet and the maximum building height of the dwellings would be 35 feet. Two open space parcels are proposed and would be maintained by the future homeowners' association. Tree preservation areas, an underground stormwater facility, and trail connections to the adjacent parkland are proposed within these parcels. The applicant has proffered to work with the county's Urban Forest Management Division at the time of subdivision review to meet the tree preservation requirements. In addition, the applicant would provide supplemental plantings around the lot lines.

Two access points are proposed. The primary access would be through a new public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. A second access is proposed to connect to Lee Plaza Center just west of KinderCare. This interparcel access was conditioned when the child care center was approved in the shopping center, and the applicant has committed to providing both a sidewalk connection and a vehicular connection in this location. Sekas Homes has worked with the Estates at Leewood, which owns the land on which McKenzie Avenue is located. The vehicular connection would be closed, and

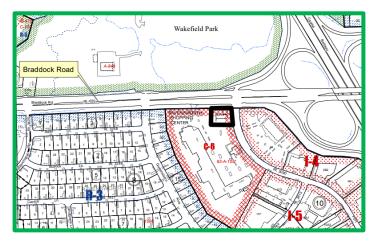
the gravel road would be cleaned up and replaced with a new asphalt trail that connects to the shopping center on the north and the Park Authority property on the south. Access would continue to remain from the serice road to the private family cemetery.

In response to concerns raised by the community and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, the applicant has agreed to hold a pre-construction meeting with the neighboring Robertson Farm and Estates at Leewood Homeowners' Associations to outline the projected construction schedule and the timing of heavy equipment arrival and deliveries. Sekas Homes has also committed to providing personnel on Robertson Farm Circle when the trucks are arriving to safely guide them through the subdivision and to the site.

The Board of Supervisors hearing in this case is scheduled for March 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Auditorium at the Government Center. Community groups or individuals who are interested in providing testimony on this application are encouraged to do so. Information on how to testify may be found on the **Board of Supervisors website**. The application number is RZ 2021-BR-009.

Application Filed to Convert Repair Shop into Convenience Store at Ravensworth Shell

Capital Services, Inc. has filed an application to modify Ravensworth Shell's existing vehicle fueling station by replacing the light vehicle repair and maintenance component with a convenience store. The gas station is loccated in Ravensworth Shopping Center on Braddock Road, just west of the I-495 interchange. The applicants have stated that as consumer preferences have evolved, the expectation is that a gas station will also have an associated convenience store to serve the community. A number of site and architectural improvements would be included as part of the project.



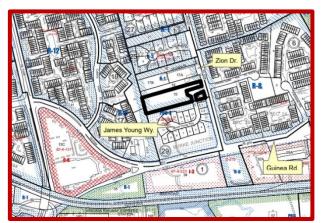
This site contains a 2,600 square foot building housing four vehicle service bays, associated office and storage space, an exterior vehicle lift, and six fuel pumps under a canopy. The current building was constructed in 1967 and renovated in 1984. The service bays and exterior vehicle lift are located along the south side of the building. This area currently has a large number of vehicular conflicts and includes several speed bumps. To the east of the building is a large paved area where fuel trucks access the underground fuel tanks. The building entrance is located on the north side, adjacent to the six-pump island and canopy. There is a freestanding sign about 15 feet in height near Braddock Road; the signs will remain.

Vehicular access is currently provided from both Braddock Road and Port Royal Road. The access from Braddock Road, with right-in and right-out movements, is proposed to remain the same. Port Royal Road includes two curb cuts serving the station along with a traffic signal further south providing full access for the shopping center. The northernmost curb cut is proposed to remain and become right-in only to allow fuel trucks to access the station without backing up. The second curb cut further south is proposed to continue to permit full movements.

The application would convert the four service bays into a convenience store. There would be two entrances, one on the north and the other on the south. The building architecture would be upgraded and be in harmony with the shopping center. This would include brick veneer, glass windows and doors, and a gabled metal roof with a small tower. Both the fuel pumps and convenience store would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Overall daily trips are expected to increase from the current 3,128 trips to 4,033 trips and would be spread out throughout the day and evening hours. New and/or increased landscaping would be added.

More information on this proposal will be provided at an upcoming Land Use and Environment Committee meeting. The application is currently scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on May 11.

Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive



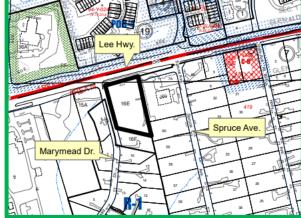
A rezoning proposal has been filed for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded undeveloped site known as the Day property. This 2.51-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to permit the development of seven single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided from James Young Way, which connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. A new private street would connect to the public road.

Although the property to the north is not part of this rezoning, the applicant has proposed reserving an area for future interparcel access.

The applicant has requested a deferral in the schedule to allow time to further examine redevelopment options for the site. Look for more information and a rescheduled community meeting date this summer. A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for September 28.

Application Indefinitely Deferred for Child Care Facility at 12019 Lee Highway

As reported last month, NLD Fairfax, LLC has requested indefinite deferral of its Special Exception application to permit a child care center at 12019 Lee Highway. Although it has not been formally withdrawn, it is no longer under consideration. Thank you to the community members who participated in meetings and provided comments during consideration of this application.



Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee and Braddock District Council Joint Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a joint virtual meeting with the Braddock District Council on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include:

- Information about the current sign regulations, enforcement of complaints, and an opportunity to share thoughts with zoning staff about what changes should be considered in the Signs Part II Zoning Ordinance Amendment;
- A staff presentation and discussion on a Comprehensive Plan amendment regarding locating residential uses in areas with airport noise between the 60 and 65 DNL airport noise contours; and
- Updates and discussion on pending Braddock District land use cases.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join **online** or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

Stormwater-Wastewater Facility Project Update

In late fall 2021, the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) held a successful bid for the new Stormwater-Wastewater Facility to be located at 6000 Freds Oak Road in Burke. The site is currently occupied by the county's Wastewater Collections Division facility and an abandoned private concrete batch plant, which stopped operations in 2012. Manhattan Construction was identified as the lowest responsive bidder and awarded the project. DPWES is working closely with Manhattan Construction and anticipates construction kick-off in spring 2022.



This project will co-locate the Stormwater and Wastewater Divisions in one centralized location to maximize efficiencies, replace undersized and aging facilities and infrastructure, provide enclosed material storage, expand parking for county vehicles, and allow for future growth necessary to implement state and federal regulations. Construction of the project will take place in phases

and include demolition of selective site elements, including the removal of the decommissioned concrete production plant, and at a later phase the existing Wastewater Collection Division facility, all while maintaining 24/7 operations.

A community meeting to discuss construction plans will be scheduled this spring.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Foundation work on the first phase of the new Woodleigh Chase Erickson Senior Living community is underway, so concrete deliveries will become more frequent. Work is also continuing on the entrance to the development at the intersection of Braddock Road and Burke Station Road. Construction of the temporary marketing center is progressing, with the focus now on utility connections and interior work. Curb and gutter work will be starting the week of February 7 on the parking lot for the marketing center. On the western portion of the site, which is dedicated for affordable senior housing, work on utilities and construction of retaining walls is continuing. For specific questions about Woodleigh Chase, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the **Board of Zoning Appeals website**. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Access to information on BZA cases is available through the Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS, which came online for zoning applications on July 1, 2021. This system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public than the previous system and does so in real time. Visit the <u>PLUS Information and Support website</u> for more information on this new land use platform.

Erwan Dapoigny & Sandra P. Lukic-Dapoigny – 4217 Holborn Avenue, Annandale VC 2021-BR-007

The applicants were seeking a Variance to allow an accessory structure (treehouse) in a front yard, located 13.9 feet from a from lot line, to remain. This application was denied by the BZA on February 2 by a vote of 6 to 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the <u>PLUS website</u>.

Donald T. Stemetzki & Kathleen M. Stemetzki – 7813 Glenister Drive, Springfield SP 2021-BR-058

The applicants were seeking a reduction in setback requirements to allow a carport located 2.4 feet from the side lot line to remain. On January 26, this application was approved by the BZA by a vote of 6 to 0. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Laurie Hyde Boulden – 7522 Inzer Street, Springfield SP 2021-BR-079

The applicant was seeking a reduction in setback requirements based on error in building location to permit an accessory structure (shed) that is 15'9" in height to remain 1.1 feet

from the side lot line. On February 2, the BZA denied this application by a vote of 7 to 0. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax SP 2021-BR-00132

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 20.1 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Pheasant Ridge Road and 37.7 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Rowan Tree Drive. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 9. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax VC 2021-BR-008

The applicant is seeking a Variance to allow a freestanding accessory structure (shed) to remain in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 square feet in area. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 9. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Alberto Gonzalo Acha – 7517 Hamlet Street, Springfield SP 2021-BR-063/SP-2021-BR-088

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit an addition 6.6 feet from the side lot line, a 7.2-foot high deck that is 6.6 feet from the side lot line, and an accessory structure (shed) that is 1.7 feet from the side lot line and 5.7 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Bhardwaj Tushar – 4700 Ox Road, Fairfax VC-2021-BR-00010

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot single-family house 18.4 feet from the western front lot line (40-foot setback required), 18.9 feet from the rear lot line (20-foot setback required), and 17.2 feet from the western lot line (20-foot setback required). The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

➤ Robert E. Fenneman & Christine L. Fenneman – 5110 Kings Grove Court, Burke SP 2021-BR-00109

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (screened-in patio) 12.8 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on March 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Carrie Lee Ward – 5631 Southampton Drive, Springfield SP 2021-BR-087

The applicant is seeking an increase in fence height to allow a 6-foot fence in a front yard. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on March 16. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the PLUS website.

Cimbria M. Peterson, Keith A. Peterson, and Marigold Montessori LLC – 5205 Lindsay Street, Fairfax SP 2021-BR-00127

The applicants are seeking approval to expand a home child care facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and pick-up times would be between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. A part-time assistant would increase hours from three hours to six hours per day. The applicants are also requesting a reduction in setback requirements based on error in building location to permit a 11.7-foot tall shed to remain 3.4 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on March 23. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Joseph Adam Rittierodt – 5308 Dunleigh Drive, Burke SP 2021-BR-00120

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (workshop) 8.5 feet from the rear lot line and 7.0 feet from the east side lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on April 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the PLUS website.

If you have questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call the Braddock District office at 703-425-9300.